

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 26, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203**

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on July 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Commissioners present: Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Tom Wilson. Karla Bauman, Auditor, present.

OPEN: The meeting was called to order and the pledge of allegiance was led by Tom Linkel.

Health Department: Nurse Nanette Beres, presented to commissioners an agreement with the Franklin County EMS for them to continue being a test site for COVID-19 from July 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022. The cost will be \$8,333.33 per month for a total of \$50,000.00. Tom Linkel moved to approve the EMS COVID testing contract for 6 months for a total of \$50,000.00, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried. Nurse Beres also presented the executed Public Health Coordinator contract between the Health Department and Michael Falk in the sum of \$22,200.00. Mr. Falk will perform the deliveries required under the grant. Tom Linkel motioned to sign the Public Health Coordinator contract between the health department and Michael Falk, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Recess – Tom Linkel motion to open Board of Finance meeting, seconded Tom Wilson, all in favor. At the conclusion of the Board of Finance meeting, Tom Linkel moved to close the Board of Finance meeting, seconded by Tom Wilson.

Commissioner Wilson expressed condolences to Ed Hollenbach's family. He spoke of the service Ed gave to the County while serving as the County's EMA Director. Tom Wilson motion to make July 20th Ed Hollenbach Day, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to accept Projects 1-5 as presented and to be funded by the ARPA grant by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Whitewater Canal Trail Dam Road: Grant Reeves advised he drafted a lease to grant the Counties 40 feet of right away on Dam Road for the Whitewater Canal Trail Inc. The lease must include legal description of right away, how long the lease will last (suggested to be as long as the trail remains active and lease is terminated if another entity takes over Whitewater Canal Inc.) and the right for the County to terminate the lease at any given time.

4-H New Building Donation: Franklin County Farmers Mutual is donating the proceeds from the sale of their building to go towards the new building on the 4-H grounds. Farmers Mutual one requirement is that they are allowed to advertise through signage on the new building. Commissioners discussed the lease between the County and the Fair Board. The Commissioners also asked about liability including if other organizations hold events in the building. There are many questions still to be answered.

Form 144's: The form 144's were filed with the Commissioner by Auditor Bauman. Commissioners reviewed the Form 144's and discussed the percentage of raise to recommend to Council. The increase of cost of living was also discussed. Commissioner Linkel read the percentages of raises the county employees have received over the past 17 years as follows:

2005	2%
2006	2%
2007	0%
2008	0%
2009	4%
2010	0%
2011	2%
2012	0%
2013	0%
2014	0%
2015	0%
2016	1%
2017	3%
2018	1%
2019	3%
2020	0%
2021	4%

The commissioners recommended the employees receive a 10% raise.

Ed Derickson came before commissioners to make them aware of some zoning changes they would be looking at their next meeting, including the proper storage and regulation of explosives and fireworks on private property.

Grant Reeves wanted to revisit the fifteen percent (15%) that the Redevelopment Commission guaranteed to Franklin County Community School Corporation. A committee should be formed to meet and further discuss this subject. Commissioner Wendel agreed to attend the meeting.

Missy Ratz – Franklin County Transportation: Missy Ratz presented requests for draws on several grants. The commissioners approved the following:

Tom Linkel, moved to approve \$82,595.00 for the Cares Act Invoice 548, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Tom Linkel moved to approve \$16,895.00 for the ARP Invoice 549, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Tom Linkel moved to approve \$2,946.00 for the Section 5311 Invoice 550, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes – June 28, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes for June 28, 2022, by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes – July 12, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes for June 12, 2022, by Gerald Wendel, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried. (Tom Wilson abstained)

Payroll – July 29 2022: Motion to approve the July 29 payroll and payroll deductions in the amount of \$278,223.52 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favorm, motion carried.

Claims – 7-26-2022: Motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$270,312.53 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Utilities & Bond Payment – Motion to approve the utilities and bond payment as presented in the amount of \$266,321.22, by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried. Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Others in attendance and/or zoom: Fayette Hay, Commissioner's Secretary, Crystal McQueen, Commissioner's Secretary, Bridget Hayes, Jolene Beneker, R. Teufel, Veronica Bullock, Pete Cates, Missy Ratz, Robert Braun, Ed Derickson, By zoom: Sara Duffy, Millie Simmermeyer, Ruth Rowlett

Minutes approved August 9, 2022

Ayes:

Nays:

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Tom Wilson

ATTESTED BY: _____

Karla J. Bauman, Auditor